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Fat Salvage Memo No. 1

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To: OD District Offices
OD Regional Marketing Reports Chiefs
WPB Field Staff

From: Marvin M. Sandstrom, Chief, Marketing Reports Division

Subject: Collections Down --- Poorer Quality Noted

This is the first of a series of memoranda which will deal with the program for the salvage of used household fats. These memoranda will cover the collections of salvaged fat as reported to us by OPA, the over-all supply situation of fats and oils as furnished by the Fats and Oils Branch of the Office of Distribution, and such other information and operational phases of the Fat Salvage Program as we believe will prove helpful in securing the largest quantity of used fats.

Briefly, OPA indicates that the collection of fats during September was 11,057,000 pounds. This information is based on reports received from 640 of the 688 renderers and master collectors registered with OPA. These collections represent a decrease of 13 percent from August. Thus, it is evident that more "drive" is needed immediately behind this program.

A number of reports have come to our attention which indicate that housewives are apparently becoming less careful with regard to the quality of the fat turned in --- and by poorer quality we mean that more of the fat turned in contains chunks of meat, pieces of bone, and other nonfat material. The simple fact that the fat may be black, however, does not necessarily mean poorer quality.

We hope that each of you will continue to do all you can to increase the quantity of used household fats turned in and to improve its quality.



